

ORDINANCE NO. 023-103

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
FOR VENTRA CARDS FOR RTA'S  
SPECIAL FARE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") provides public transportation in the Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") provides financial review and oversight of the Authority, the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra"), and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Pace"); and

WHEREAS, RTA administers special fare programs that allow participants to pay reduced fares or ride at no cost on Authority, Metra, and Pace transit services; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2018, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 018-37, which extended the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with RTA for the purchase of Open Standards Fare System ("OSFS" or "Ventra") fare media cards to be utilized by RTA for its special fare programs until cancelled by either party with 90 days' notice; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to P.A. 103-0281 [70 ILCS 3615/2.41], the Illinois legislature has created a new Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Regional Transit Authority Public Transportation Assistance Program requiring the RTA to issue monetarily preloaded mass transit cards to The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence for survivor and victim use of public transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Authority and the RTA wish to amend the IGA as to comply with P.A. 103-0281 and to provide for flexibility to amend the IGA to add future programs; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, through the OSFS Vendor, will provide Ventra cards to RTA and RTA will reimburse the Authority for the value loaded on each Ventra card plus the cost of each Ventra card; and

WHEREAS, The agreement contains a mutual indemnification clause; and

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WHEREAS, Cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities through intergovernmental agreements is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.); now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for the Authority to provide value loaded Ventra cards to the RTA for RTA to distribute to participants in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Regional Transit Authority Public Transportation Assistance Program.

SECTION 2. The amendment provides that RTA will reimburse the Authority for the cost of the cards plus value loaded to the Ventra cards, adds language allowing flexibility to add future programs, and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 3. The Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Secretary

September 22, 2023

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